

# Order of Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost | World Communion Sunday

**October 2, 2022**

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## **Call to worship** (Lamentations 3:21-26)

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;**

they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

**"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."**

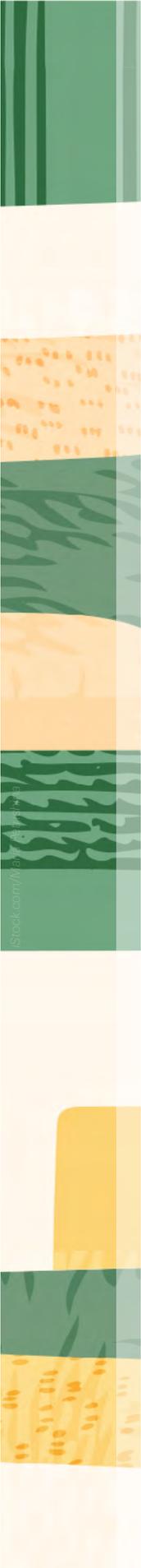
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

**It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.**

## **Call to confession** (From 2 Timothy 1:7, 9)

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,  
but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."

Therefore, relying on the love and grace  
which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,  
we courageously confess our sins together.



**Prayer of confession** (From Habakkuk 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 12, 14)

Holy and Righteous God,  
amidst the violence and wrongdoing of the world,  
we struggle to live by faith.  
We treat suffering with contempt,  
seek power to serve ourselves,  
and cowardly shrink from prophetic truth.  
Gather us again to your table  
as you gathered the generations before us.  
Save us from the strife we start,  
and the contention we create.  
Rekindle within us the gifts you have given,  
revive our sense of your Holy Spirit.  
In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of pardon** (From 2 Timothy 1:9-10)

*Pour water into the baptismal font.*

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus  
before the ages began,  
but it has now been revealed through the  
appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,  
who abolished death and brought life and  
immortality to light through the gospel.  
We have died to sin in him, so let us live  
as people freed by grace for faith.

**Prayer for illumination** (From 2 Timothy 1: 5, 13-14)

Holy God, as we hear your word read and proclaimed,  
guide us to suss out the sound teaching you have for us.  
With the help of the Holy Spirit,  
entrust to us your good treasure,  
and through it, make us alive in faith. Amen.

**Scripture readings**

**Sermon**



## **Affirmation of faith (From A Brief Statement of Faith)**

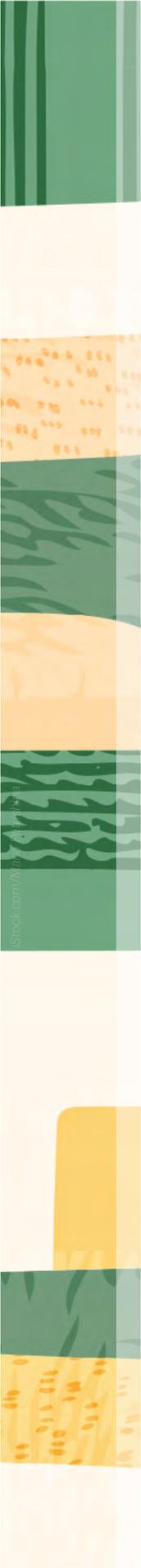
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.

## **Call for the offering** (From 2 Timothy 1:6)

Paul writes, "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God  
that is within you."  
So, as we have received gifts from our faithful God,  
let us faithfully place those very gifts in God's service.

## **Prayer of dedication** (From 2 Timothy 1:7)

Jesus Christ our Savior,  
you grant us a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.  
Make our power serve you,  
make our love show you,  
make our acts of giving and self-discipline serve you,  
author and inspirer of all generosity. Amen.



## Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

(Repetition from Lamentations 3:22)

God of grace, mercy, and peace,  
you gather together at your table,  
a people mindful of the world's pain.

We remember the places where violence reigns:  
homes which are not safe,  
lands torn apart by war,  
families broken by betrayal.

Amidst the tears and pain,  
bring your healing touch,  
your compassionate comfort  
and your reign of peace.

This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:  
**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.**

We remember the leaders of this nation,  
and all the nations of the world.

Guide them in your grace and mercy  
that they might actively seek peace in all things.

This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:  
**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.**

We remember those who suffer:  
Those struggling with physical illness,  
robbing them of rest,  
sapping them of strength,  
pressing them with pain,  
accelerating the approach of death;

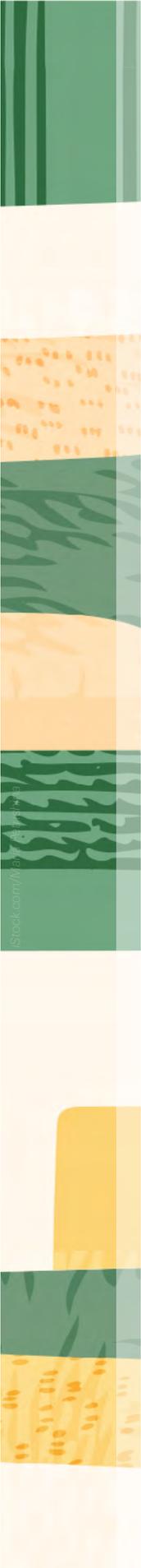
Those struggling with mental illness,  
cutting their confidence,  
snatching their joy,  
compromising their sense of reality,  
shaking their sense of security;

Those oppressed,  
by systems,  
by neighbors,  
by circumstances,  
by sin.

Alleviate all suffering, as only you can.

This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:  
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We remember all the saints who have gone before us,  
in whom you have completed the work begun at their  
baptism,  
who rest in your eternal light.  
We give thanks for the sincere faith you made alive in them,  
and the ways in which they passed that faith to us.  
We give thanks for the church, visible and invisible,  
in this present age and in all times and places,  
make us one in you and at your table.  
Grant that we all may be faithful in our work of living our  
faith in you.  
This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:  
**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.**  
And we pray as Christ taught us,  
“Our Father...”.

**Charge and benediction** (2 Timothy 1:2, 7)

May the grace of God  
kindle within you a spirit of power  
and of love and of self-discipline.

Beloved of God,  
may the grace, mercy and peace  
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord  
live in you by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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